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SUBJECT: SUHARTO NAMES NEW CABINET

1. PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON MARCH 29, 1978, NAMED HIS NEW CABINET. THE PRESIDENT LISTED SEVEN MINISTERS OF STATE, TWO MORE THAN IN THE LAST CABINET. THREE OF THE SEVEN MINISTERS OF STATE CARRY THE ADDITIONAL TITLE OF COORDINATING MINISTER AND WILL OVERSEE AND COORDINATE GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FOLLOWING BROAD AREAS: (A) POLITICS AND SECURITY; (B) ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND INDUSTRY; AND (C) PUBLIC WELFARE. THE OTHER FOUR, AS IN THE OLD CABINET, WILL HAVE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES BUT WILL NOT HEAD GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS REMAINS AT 17, THOUGH THE FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF FOUR DEPARTMENTS WERE ALTERED, TWO DEPARTMENTS LOSING SOME OF THEIR FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND TWO OTHER DEPARTMENTS PICKING THEM

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UP, AS NOTED BELOW.

2. THE NEW CABINET (WITH ORGANIZATONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE IN PARENTHESIS) IS AS FOLLOWS:  
(1) COORDINATING MINISTER FOR POLITICS AND SECURITY:  
GENERAL M. PANGGABEAN (NEW POSITION IN CABINET)  
(2) COORDINATING MINISTER FOR ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND

INDUSTRY: PROF. DR. WIDJOJO NITISASTRO (POSITION  
RAISED TO LEVEL OF COORDINATING MINISTER.  
WIDJOJO WILL CONTINUE TO HEAD BAPPENAS)  
(3) COORDINATING MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WELFARE:  
GENERAL SURONO (POSITION RAISED TO LEVEL OF  
COORDINATING MINISTER)  
(4) MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONTROL OF THE STATE  
APPARATUS: DR. J.B. SUMARLIN (WILL CONTINUE TO  
BE VICE-CHMN. OF BAPPENAS)  
(5) MINISTER OF STATE FOR SUPERVISION OF DEVELOPMENT:  
PROF. DR. EMIL SALIM (NEW POSITION IN CABINET)  
(6) MINISTER OF STATE AND STATE SECRETARY: MAJ. GEN.  
SUDHARMONO SH  
(7) MINISTER OF STATE FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY:  
DR. BJ. HABIBIE (TITLE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE  
TECHNOLOGY)  
(8) MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS: GEN. AMIRMACHMUD  
(9) MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: PROF. DR. MOCHTAR  
KUSUMAATMADJA SH  
(10) MINISTER OF DEFENSE: GEN ANDI MOHAMAD JUSUF  
(ALSO WILL SERVE AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE  
ARMED FORCES)  
11) MINISTER OF JUSTICE: MAJ. GEN. MUDJONO SH  
(12) MINISTER OF INFORMATION: LT.GEN. ALI MURTOPO  
13) MINISTER OF FINANCE: PROF. DR. ALI WARDHANA  
(14) MINISTER OF TRADE AND COOPERATIVES: DRS. RADIUS  
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PRAWIRO (COOPERATIVES, PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AND TRANSMIGRATION,  
NOW MOVED TO TRADE.)  
(15) MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE: SUDARSONO HADISUPUTRO  
(16) MINISTER OF INDUSTRY: A.R. SUHUD  
(17) MINISTER OF MINING AND ENERGY: PROF. DR.  
SUBROTO (ENERGY IS A NEW TITLE NOW INCLUDED IN  
THE DEPARTMENT OF MINING. IT WILL COVER ELEC-  
TRIC POWER, WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.)  
(18) MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS: DR. POERNOMOSIDI  
HADJISAROSO (PUBLIC WORKS HAS LOST RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR ELECTRIC POWER, NOW MOVED TO MINING)  
(19) MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS: AIR MARSHALL RUSMIN  
MURJADIN  
(20) MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSMIGRATION:  
DR. HARUN AL-RASJID ZAIN (COOPERATIVES,  
PREVIOUSLY UNDER THIS DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN MOVED  
TO TRADE)  
(21) MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE: DR. DAUD JUSUF  
(22) MINISTER OF HEALTH: MAJ. GEN. SUWARDJONO  
SURJANINGRAT MD

(23) MINISTER OF RELIGION: LT. GEN. (RET.) ALAMSYAH  
RATU PERWIRANEGARA  
(24) MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS: MAJ. GEN. (RET.)  
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3. FROM THE FOREGOING LIST, THE FOLLOWING ARE NEW TO THE CABINET: SURONO, HABIBIE, MUDJONO, MURTOPO, SUDARSONO, SUHUD, PURNOMOSIDI, RUSMIN, DAUD JUSUF, SUWARDJONO, ALAMSYAH, SAPARDJO, AND HARUN ZAIN. THE FOLLOWING, WHILE MEMBERS OF THE PREVIOUS CABINET, HAVE CHANGED POSITION: PANGGABEAN, WIDJOJO (POSITION UPGRADED), SALIM, MOCHTAR, JUSUF AND SUBROTO. THE ONLY HOLDOVERS IN POSITION FROM THE LAST CABINET ARE: SUMARLIN, SUDHARMONO, AMIRMACHMUD, WARDHANA AND RADIUS PRAWIRO.

4. SUHARTO ALSO ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING SENIOR LEVEL, NON-CABINET APPOINTMENTS:  
(1) ATTORNEY GENERAL: ALI SAID (HOLDOVER)  
(2) GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF INDONESIA: RACHMAT SALEH (HOLDOVER)  
(3) VICE-COMMANDER OF THE ARMED FORCES AND COMMANDER OF KOPKAMTIB: ADM. SUDOMO (THE LATTER POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY SUHARTO)  
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(4) CHIEF OF STAFF OF KOPKAMTIB: LT. GEN. DARYATMO  
(POSITION PREVIOUSLY HELD BY SUDOMO)

5. WHIEL CONFIRMING THE FOLLOWING NEW JUNIOR MINISTER POSITION, SUHARTO DID NOT NAME PERSONALITIES FOR THESE JOBS. (INCLUDED IN PARENTHESIS IS THE MINISTER TO WHOM THE RESPECTIVE JUNIOR MINISTERS WILL REPORT AND THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR THE JUNIOR MINISTERSHIP):

(1) JUNIOR MINISTER FOR FOOD PRODUCTION (REPORTS TO THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE; LIKELY APPOINTEE-ACHMAD AFFANDY, CURRENTLY DIR. GEN. FOR FOOD CROPS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

(2) JUNIOR MINISTER FOR PEOPLE'S HOUSING AFFAIRS (REPORTS TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; LIKELY APPOINTEE-DRS. COSMAS BATUBARA, CURRENTLY GOLKAR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT)

(3) JUNIOR MINISTER FOR TRANSMIGRATION (REPORTS TO MINISTER OF MANPOWER AND TRANSMIGRATION; LIKELY APPOINTEE-MARTONO SH, SURRENTLY MEMBER OF THE GOLKAR PEASANTS COUNCIL, HKTI)

(4) JUNIOR MINISTER FOR COOPERATIVES (REPORTS TO MINISTER OF TRADE AND COOPERATIVES; LIKELY APPOINTEE-MAJ. GEN. BUSTANIL ARIFIN, CURRENTLY HEAD OF BULOG)

(5) JUNIOR MINISTER FOR YOUTH (REPORTS TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE; LIKELY APPOINTEE-AIR FORCE MAJ. GAFUR, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REPRESENTING THE ARMED FORCES, PROTEGE OF ALI MURTOPO)

(6) JUNIOR MINISTER FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN (REPORTS TO THE COORDINATING MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WELFARE; LIKELY APPOINTEE HAS NOT WURFACED)

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6. THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED HIS ANNOUNCEMENT BY STATING HIS INTENTION TO GIVE HIS NEW VICE-PRESIDENT ADAM MALIK MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES. BESIDES NOTING THAT MALIK'S ONLY CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY IS "ASSISTING THE PRESIDENT," HOWEVER, SUHARTO ADDED ONLY THAT HE HAD DIRECTED MALIK TO "CONTINUALLY LEAD AND TAKE PART IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUPERVISION OF DEVELOPMENT, WHICH DURING PELITA III MUST BE FURTHER IMPROVED."  
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